

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed February 24, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1 and 15-19 are canceled. Claims 2-14 are pending in this application, with claim 2 being the only independent claim. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action mailed February 24, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-14 are allowed. Claims 1 and 15-19 were rejected over prior art.

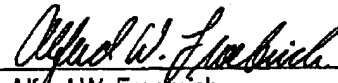
Since the rejected claims are now canceled and only allowed claims remain pending, the application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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